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Dear Timothy--

At the last minute--literally, Cindy & I were packed up and had rented a big station wagon and on our way over to pick up your archives--Bob changed his mind! He had never even hesitated before this, since ~~xx~~ we discussed it last summer. Three days ago, just before I called you & Barbara R., he had told me the boxes were in his house ready to be picked up. We've seen Bob display the sudden Gemini reversal pattern before. Insecure, ~~resentful~~, ~~xxx~~ paranoid--he claims that the FBI or CTA will burn the papers, that he is protecting the archives still--and in the next breath that he will destroy it if any attempt is made to force him to give up the material--I don't even know what he has, or how much --from what I remember and the gaps Barbara mentioned it's probably early '60s. I have not pressured him but did blow up at this last-minute vacillation. He obviously holds a lot of resentment still for the Grand Jury situation of '75 and the fact that other people hold archives of yours they have not given back. He says money is not a factor, but... *mentions*

I'm extremely disappointed by this development--it's just short of ten years (May '70) that we acquired the archives and it seemed perfect to wind it up, bring it all together again, at the beginning of the '80s. I guess Barbara should try to sell the archives as is--there are undoubtedly quite a few gaps, but there is so much there. If a sale is pending, maybe one more attempt might find Barker cooperative. I don't know...except that I can't do anything else in regard to that situation. Perhaps my low-key, laissez-faire, liberated stance on the archives unnerved him. At any rate I am not the one to handle this again.

I think you could honestly minimize Barker's holdings to BR and encourage her to go ahead. Any huge archives has gaps--what Bob has might not amount to that much after all. One more idea: if you care to write to him, do it c/o Ludlow Library, POB 99346, SF 94109 and I'll see that he gets it. Perhaps your eloquence can undo his '70s fixations. You've had many of these encounters before with the rodent caste.

Our book, SHAMAN WOMAN/ MAINLINE LADY, is almost wrapped up. If we get decent production from And/Or--and we are very hopeful at this point--it will be a sensation. After that, your bibliography.

We'll come down for a visit in the next few months. Histone compatibility most intriguing. Please send GAME OF LIFE as soon as it's out...or even pre-publication form...

Christoph Wanger & Beatrice were sorry to miss you in LA. Said to say they heard your "sunbelt call." and are returning maybe this summer. We had a fine time in SF with them.

Cindy & kids all great. Love to Barbara & Zachary.

*Love,  
Michael*